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DATE 5 November 1950

TO : Chief, Foreign Division W

FROM : Chief, []

OBJECT: COMM- Operational

SPACER - (Dr) Frank FRUNGEHL

ferences: A. WASH 17090, 25 October 1950
B. [] 17 October 1950
C. WOCA-752, 5 October 1950

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- 1. Our interest in Dr. FRUNGEHL's reported inventions was explained to [] in the manner directed by Reference A, and he proceeded immediately to make concrete plans for FRUNGEHL's trip to Copenhagen. The sudden fall of the Social Democratic government, however, with the resulting current unsettled political atmosphere, increased [] uneasiness at withholding the FRUNGEHL story from his superior (Reference C, Para 8) out of concern for the consequences to himself and [] if the story later came to the attention of unfriendly superiors with different political affiliations. [] and [] therefore jointly informed [] of the background, including at our suggestion, the fact that we had already been informed and were interested in obtaining more details regarding FRUNGEHL's inventions.
- 2. [] is very enthusiastic about this project and believes that it offers one of the greatest potentials that the [] ever have been able to provide us. We, of course, are not in a position to dampen his enthusiasm to any degree without running counter to the instruction contained in Para 1 of reference A. In informing [] of the background, [] stressed the advantage of having the Americans handle the matter, since no, [] had given FRUNGEHL and TISDELL his personal assurances that no harm would befall them through the intermediation of the Danes, even if the reported inventions were not as important as is claimed. [] has been very worried about his ability to keep his hasty assurances and believes that in view of FRUNGEHL's direct control by the British, the Americans are more likely to respect his promises to the Germans than are the British. In spite of []'s usual pro-British bias he agreed that in this instance it appeared wiser to deal with us and he decided not to inform the [] who would undoubtedly take it to the British. He also added that he appreciated being informed of the circumstances and since he thought [] was handling the matter quite properly he preferred not to become involved officially. [] now feels that he has "covered himself" sufficiently and is proceeding with the arrangements on his own.
- 3. Since there is no individual available to the [] sufficiently qualified to debrief FRUNGEHL on such matters, it is suggested that Headquarters

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arrange for someone to come to [] for that purpose. We will be able to inform Headquarters shortly of the date or dates on which PHUNNEL will be available in [] for debriefing. It would be appreciated if this station could be informed at the very earliest of Headquarters decision on this matter.

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